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Deputy Administrator of Department of Community Development placed on administrative leave pending investigation

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Tuesday, April 19) — Deputy Administrator of Community Development Erskine Oglesby has been placed on administrative leave after being arrested Tuesday by the Chattanooga Police Department for allegedly taking items from a local store without paying.

While there is no evidence that any taxpayer resources have been misappropriated, out of an abundance of caution Chief of Staff Joda Thongnopnua has asked Stan Sewell, the city's independent auditor, to conduct an internal investigation.

Oglesby will remain on administrative leave, per city procedure, pending an internal review. Oglesby had passed a background check at the time of his appointment last year.

The city will have no further comment due to an active, open investigation. Further questions may be referred to the Chattanooga Police Department.

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